Dear Paul, 3/21/74

Sometimes I lay envelopes aside to write further and they get buried in a very large stack on my desk. I have always been into too much and now with Jim it is more so.

Before I forgte, he has gotten the second set of Comintelpros papers and has made a copy for you and will be sending them.

Because in addition to other things Jim is going all the legal work on all the current cases, he is really iverloaded. He now has an additional obligation, to do a special memo on decisions and precedents on Ray's in-jail conditions, as a consequence of his first argument in court, Monday, when the crooked judge pulled an evidentiary hearing on this on him without prior notice. He had too much before that.

Someone you probably know of whether or not you have been in personal contact has recently been driving me crazy with demands for unpublished material for out-of-context use in personal memos with a few correspondents. I regard this kind of thing as never helpful and always potentially hurtful, from foreclosing further work, from twisting, from taking the edge off xxx with meaningless uses in minor publications and for an assortment of other reasons I'll not take time for. He holds what I suppose he regards as a purist, philosophical view.

This kind of thing wastes much time for me but I regard it as essential to prevent misuse of what can be extremely valuable if it can be held for effective use and what all this now needs with the destruction of all credibility from the proliferating nuts and commercializers who are getting much attention in this part of the country, a comprehensible context.

Anyway, it came to the point where I could tell this huy that if he was really interested, there are some things he could do. But I would let him know so he could decide whether he would help only under stipulated conditoons, beginning with confidentiality and no memos to none of his friends. One of his penpals once did the most hurtful signle thing ever with the NYTimes and it was of incredible dishonesty, the venting of a personal spleen.

If he agrees I can only hope he will keep his word.

On the SWP thing and in using the New York Public Library he can help. I have told him only that it is these things and that there are three of us who have different interests. I have told him that mine is potentially legal and I have not identified you or Jim. I have told him that there is a literary interest that I, personally, will not jeopardize or permit anyone else to jeopardize. I have yours in mind, whether or not you hold my view.

If he agrees, then you will have a research assistant who can get copies from that library of such things as Times stories you jay not have and we may get what we may find useful in legal matters. Be thinking about this because I should hear from him soon. Know what you want researched and I'll relay it. I have also told jim that we will want copies of the papers filed in recent court actions having to do with the suit of which you know. Should be plural, suits.

In this case I have my own interests and therefore impose my own conditions. I do wish that you could see things more practically. I think that by now Jim will tell you that his experience warrants my attitude on taking risks and the complete lack of benefit from letting those I regard as nuts having anything of the complete counterproductivity of everything they do. It is from their records and for reasons like this that I refuse to have anything to do with the Liftons and the Newcombs out there. They can't do any good that can undo the harm they have done and of which they are at any given moment capable.

What makes this kind of problem immediately hurtful is the new college generations of the interested. They get turned the wrong way by the paranoid commercializers and the work they could do is influenced adversely. I am getting a heavy mail on it. You've got a new one out there named Raznikov. But I am hopeful that after this semester the local college will continue with a seminar new this semester and that as the prof learns the students will be willing to do work that can be more than repetition. Even some clerical work that needs being done here. One has started this but school work got heavy. I expect it to be continued after graduation by another, until the school year starts again in the fall.